



CITY OF CLARE

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To: Regulatory Reform Committee Rep. Tyrone Carter, Chair.

C/O Molly Wingrove, Committee Clerk

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From: The City of Clare

Date: October 9, 2023

Re: Opposition to HB4965

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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I am providing this letter opposing HB4965, which is before the House Regulatory and Reform Committee. Passing this bill will have a direct negative impact on local Video Service franchising revenue in the City of Clare.

UTILITY BILLING

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Currently, the City of Clare collects Cable Television Franchise Fees of approximately \$48,256 annually. This revenue is necessary to operate and deliver public services in our community like police, fire, parks, and right-of-way maintenance.

W/WWT PLANT

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With the decline and eventual retirement of traditional Cable Television services, these Constitutionally Mandated franchise fees will go to ZERO. All future paid subscription video services (YouTube TV, HULU, Netflix, AT&T Direct TV, ESPN+, etc.) will still be delivered through our Public Rights of Way at NO COST to these multibillion-dollar companies.

POLICE DEPT. NON-EMERGENCY

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Exempting paid subscription streaming services (YouTube TV, HULU, Netflix, AT&T Direct TV, ESPN+, etc.) from paying Public Right of Way (ROW) franchise fees will have a damaging effect on the City's bottom line for years to come if HB4965 is enacted.

FIRE DEPT. NON-EMERGENCY

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Please do not give away these legal and Constitutionally Mandated Right-of-way fees to multibillion-dollar corporations.

PARKS & RECREATION

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Diane M. Lyon
Clare City Clerk

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